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Amendment and Response to Office Action
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Attny Docket No. 3184**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-15 are pending in the application. These claims have all been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Venkatraman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,170,007) in view of Desormeaux (Pub. No.: US 200200709898). The applicant has canceled old claims 1-15 and added new claims 16-35. The new claims have combined limitations from the old dependent claims into new independent claims. The new claims are not anticipated by any piece of cited art and are not obvious over any combination of the cited art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees with respect to this communication to Deposit Account No. 14-1131.

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